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SUBJECT: MOVEMENT ON VAROSHA

REF: (A) ANKARA 5227, (B) ANKARA 5228

1. SUMMARY: TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL MET WITH ACTING SECRETARY JULY 18 TO PRESENT REVISED DENKTASH-KYPRIANOU LETTER ON VAROSHA(TEXT IDENTICAL TO ANKARA 5227). ACTING SECRETARY UNDERTOOK TO CONSULT WITHIN USG ON WHAT US RESPONSE WOULD BE SHOULD SUCH A LETTER BE SENT BY DENKTASH. ACTING SECRETARY ALSO SUGGESTED ONE SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATION.
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TION IN TEXT OF LETTER WHICH ESENBEL SAID HE WOULD CONVEY TO MFA. END SUMMARY.

2. AT OUTSET OF MEETING ACTING SECRETARY DESCRIBED CONVERSATIONS HE HAD EARLIER IN DAY WITH SENATORS BYRD, SPARKMAN, MCGOVERN, BENTSON AND BAKER. HE SAID IT NOW APPEARED THAT SENATE MIGHT TAKE UP TURKISH EMBARGO ISSUE AS EARLY

AS JULY 20 ALTHOUGH IT APPEARED MORE LIKELY THAT DEBATE WOULD BEGIN JULY 24. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT DEBATE ON EMBARGO ISSUE MIGHT BE LIMITED TO 4 HOURS. THIS WOULD ASSURE PROMPT VOTE AND AVOID FILIBUSTER. ACTING SECRETARY NOTED THAT MANY SENATORS WERE STILL UNDECIDED OR ONLY LEANING ONE WAY OR OTHER, BUT HE STILL FELT THERE WAS REASON TO FEEL OPTIMISTIC. HOWEVER, VOTE WOULD CLEARLY

BE VERY CLOSE. SENATOR BYRD WAS VERY ACTIVE AS WERE SENATORS MCGOVERN AND BENTSEN WHO WOULD BE AMONG THOSE PROVIDING FLOOR LEADERSHIP.

3. IN PRESENTING JULY 18 DRAFT OF DENKTASH-KYPRIANOU VAROSHA LETTER, ESENBEL SAID IT TOOK FULLY INTO ACCOUNT DRAFT WHICH DILLON HAD PRESENTED ELEKDAG JULY 17 AND ALSO REFLECTED JULY 17 ESENBEL CONVERSATION WITH ACTING SECRETARY. (STATE 179632, ANKARA 5198, STATE 180627). HE NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO TRIPARTITE ADMINISTRATION AND A SIGNIFICANT ROLE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE UNITED NATIONS. ESENBEL STRESSED THAT DENKTASH WOULD SEND THE LETTER TO KYPRIANOU ONLY IF PRESIDENT CARTER WERE PREPARED TO ENDORSE THE INITIATIVE AS A POSITIVE NEW ELEMENT AND AS PROVIDING ENOUGH GROUND FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES. HE ALSO ASSUMED US WOULD GIVE INITIATIVE WIDE PUBLICITY. ESENBEL STRESSED TURKISH AUTHORITIES HAD MADE A GENUINE EFFORT AND HE EXPECTED THERE

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WOULD BE CRITICISM BY OPPONENTS OF ECEVIT IN TURKEY. ESENBEL SAID THAT DENKTASH HAD NOT YET SEEN TEXT AND URGED THAT CHRISTOPHER INDICATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER PRESIDENT WOULD PUBLICLY SUPPORT INITIATIVE. ESENBEL SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO URGE THAT DENKTASH LETTER BE SENT AND MADE PUBLIC ON JULY 19. THIS WOULD ALLOW PRESIDENT TO COMMENT ON IT LATER JULY 19 OR ON JULY 20 BEFORE SENATE CONSIDERED EMBARGO.

4. ACTING SECRETARY SAID THAT JULY 18 TEXT SEEMED TO REPRESENT GREAT IMPROVEMENT; WE WERE GRATEFUL FOR THE EFFORTS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE. HE UNDERTOOK TO TELEPHONE ESENBEL LATER ON JULY 18 AS TO WHAT THE US MIGHT DO IN RESPONSE TO LETTER. ACTING SECRETARY SAID THAT HE ALSO WANTED TO CHECK WITH SENATOR BYRD WHO SHOULD HE FEEL THAT DENKTASH LETTER WAS RESPONSIVE TO HIS JULY 16 TELEVISION REMARKS WOULD BE ABLE TO PUT IT TO GOOD USE WITH HIS SENATE COLLEAGUES.

5. AT THE REQUEST OF ACTING SECRETARY, EUR/SE DIRECTOR EWING COMMENTED THAT ONLY IMPROVEMENT IN TEXT WE WOULD SUGGEST WAS IN SECOND OPERATIVE SUBPARAGRAPH BEGINNING

"WE MAY ENTER INTO DISCUSSION. . ." IT WAS OUR HOPE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PRECLUDED THAT DISCUSSIONS ON DEVELOPING INTERIM ADMINISTRATION STRUCTURE FOR VAROSHA MIGHT BEGIN EVEN PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. ACTING SECRETARY SUGGESTED THAT MODIFICATIONS IN SECOND SUB-PARAGRAPH WOULD BRING HOME THAT TURKISH SIDE IS PREPARED TO DO SOMETHING SPECIAL AND AT AN EARLY DATE IN REGARDS TO VAROSHA SO THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS COULD BEGIN TO RETURN

AS INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN. PLANNING FOR THIS WOULD NOT HAVE TO AWAIT THE ACTUAL TALKS. CHRISTOPHER STRESSED THIS WOULD CLEARLY BE SEEN AS NEW ELEMENT IN TURKISH POSITION.

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6. DURING LENGTHY SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION, ACTING SECRETARY PROPOSED THAT ESENBEL AGREE TO PROVIDE TO HIS AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION THE FOLLOWING THREE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE VARIATIONS: A) DELETE SECOND SUBPARAGRAPH ENTIRELY AND MODIFY FOLLOWING SUBPARAGRAPH TO READ AS FOLLOWS: THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION'S ORGANS AND FUNCTIONS WHICH MAY BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD INCLUDE THE SUPERVISION OF ESSENTIAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND THE EXERCISE OF NORMAL POLICE FUNCTIONS, OR B) MODIFY SECOND SUBPARAGRAPH TO READ: "WE MAY ENTER DISCUSSIONS PROMPTLY TO PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION STRUCTURE WHICH MAY BE ESTABLISHED UNDER AEGIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS," OR C) MODIFY SECOND SUBPARAGRAPH ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: "WHEN THERE IS AGREEMENT ON RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, WE MAY ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION'S STRUCTURE WHICH MAY BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS."

7. ACTING SECRETARY SAID THAT IN SUGGESTING DRAFTING CHANGES TO ESENBEL, HE WAS DOING SO IN THE BELIEF THAT THIS EFFORT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HELP ACHIEVE OUR MUTUAL OBJECTIVES. HE ASKED THAT HIS PERSONAL REGARDS BE CONVEYED BY THE AMBASSADOR TO ECEVIT AND SAID WOULD BE IN FURTHER TOUCH WITH ESENBEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

8. AT REQUEST ACTING SECRETARY, EWING TELEPHONED ESENBEL EVENING JULY 18 TO INDICATE THAT OUR LATEST INFORMATION WAS THAT IT WAS VERY UNLIKELY SENATE WOULD REACH TURKISH EMBARGO ISSUE THURSDAY, JULY 20. IT WAS MUCH MORE PROBABLE THAT MATTER WOULD COME UP MONDAY, JULY 24. AS RESULT, ACTING SECRETARY WANTED TO USE MORNING JULY 19 TO GET FURTHER REACTION ON HOW DENKTASH LETTER COULD BE RESPONDED
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TO. WE ALSO HOPED ESENBEL COULD PROVIDE ANKARA REACTION
TO DRAFTING CHANGES WE HAD SUGGESTED. ESENBEL UNDERTOOK
TO INFORM ANKARA BUT SAID HE RECOGNIZED HE COULD NOT YET
REPORT TO MFA THAT PRESIDENT WOULD ENDORSE DENKTASH
INITIATIVE. CHRISTOPHER

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